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Two Paintings Bought by Museum

Artists Glance Into a Yard, a Mind

By MARY MOORE MASON

The Virginia Museum of Fine Arts has purchased paintings of what's in the back of one man's yard and another man's mind.

The first painting—inspired by a refinished house—was created by Richmond resident Arthur Biehl after he looked out the window of his house.

The second painting—taken unfinished from a house—was created by Thomas Waters after he looked into the windows of his subconscious mind.

NEIGHBORS' HOME

The first man's glance resulted in a clear-cut rendering of "309 North Rowland," the home of fellow artists Marilyn and William Bevilacqua.

The second man's glance resulted in "Black Flower," a hazy, almost mystical painting of a woman surrounding by brilliant, swirling flowers.

The museum announced these purchases and five others last night at the formal opening of its 10th biennial Virginia Artists Exhibition.

Both Biehl and Waters are affiliated with Richmond Professional Institute, as are a large percentage of the artists represented.

(Of the 173 works selected by a three-man jury, 72 were done by RPI affiliates and 22 per cent by students presently enrolled at the college.)

Biehl, a native of Norfolk, has a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree from RPI. He has done commercial art in New York and Chicago and for the past nine years has taught it at his alma mater.

A bachelor, he now lives at 2019 Stuart ave., across the alley from the Bevilacqua's house.

This is the third consecutive museum biennial in which his work has appeared. He was awarded a certificate of distinction at the 17th biennial.

FATHER'S INFLUENCE

Waters, a native of Newport News, has received creative impetus from his father.

His father "started out in art years ago" but was not able to accumulate enough money to put himself through art school. Now he's an instructor of apprentices in the Newport News shipyard, where Waters worked in the summers to help put himself through school.

A 1961 RPI Bachelor of Fine Arts recipient, Waters, 23, is working there now on his Master of Fine Arts.

While an undergraduate he received several Virginia Museum fellowships.

Now he paints "mystical paintings" suggested by his subconscious mind.

"Black Flower" was hanging on the wall at 1001 Floyd ave. where he and his wife, Marion, live when the biennial exhibition was announced.

Although it had never been finished, Waters considered the painting "the most mature work . . . It came closer to what I wanted to say," as he submitted it.

Perhaps, he says jokingly, he can do what French painter Pierre Bonnard reportedly did slip into the museum and do more work on the painting.

The other artists whose works were purchased by the museum include two Richmond natives who live other places. They are Ward Jackson, a research assistant at New York's Guggenheim Museum, and Ann McPhail Lyne of Arlington.

ATTENDED R.P.I.

They both attended RPI. Their purchased works, respectively, were "Kitty Hawk Hill" and "Oak."

The museum also announced that it owns "Waiting Room" by Ulysses Dieppa; of Hamilton (a Richmond Professional Institute graduate); "Mattie" by Beverly Fornaro, of Norfolk, and three ceramic cups by Vally Possony, Falls Church.

The others whose work was awarded certificates of distinction but not purchased are:

Bevilacqua, Bernard Martin, Richmond; Gertrude Rust, Petersburg; Babs Van Swearingen, Alexandria; David Wurtzel, Richmond; John Dixon, Arlington; James Bumgardner, Richmond; Queena Stovall; Madison Heights; Nancy Camden, Petersburg; Jack Clifton, Hampton; Anne Thornton, Alexandria; Gary Lysiet, Richmond, and Harold Wescott, Norfolk. The exhibition will continue through March 31.

(Staff Photo)

"ART BIEHL (left) AND TOM WATERS DISPLAY THEIR PAINTINGS"
Both Works Were Purchased by the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts

Bridge Winners Are Announced

Winners in master point play at the Bridge Center last night were Mr. and Mrs. Hersh Copson, north-south, and Dr. William B. Fitzhugh and Michael Williams, east-west. Runners-up were Dr. Jack Garlan and Richard M. C. Glenn, and Lt. Cdr. and Mrs. James V. Reidelbach.

Winners at the Ginter Park Woman's Club were Mrs. W. Kilby Brown and Mrs. J. O. W. Gravely Jr. tied with H. B. Clark and Horace Bradley. Runners-up were Mrs. H. C. Peterson and Mrs. M. Cecil Sutherland.

Richmond Datebook

TODAY

Montrose Recreation Association, pancake supper, 5-8 p.m. Montrose Elementary School.

TOMORROW

NAACP, Youth Council of Richmond branch, 4 p.m. at Moore Street Baptist Church. Fourth annual mass meeting.

MONDAY

Forest Hills Toastmasters Club, 12, Mark Monroe Motel.

Civitan Club of Richmond, 12:30, Hotel Richmond West.

Sandston Rotary Club, 12:30, Hill Top Restaurant.

Kiwanis Club of Richmond, 12:45, Hotel John Marshall.

Optimist Club of Richmond, 12:45, Hotel John Marshall. Dr. Carrington Williams Jr. will speak on "Western National Parks."

Neath Side Lions Club, 1, Battery Park Community House.

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THOMAS W. WOOD (left) AND R. W. GUNN JR. POSE WITH PAINTING
They Had Bought It at the Museum for a Local Business Institution

Traffic Toll Reaches 115

Virginia's 1963 traffic toll stood at 115 today following the death of an elderly Powhatan county motorist in a two-vehicle crash. Last year on this date the toll was 107.

Anne Smothers, 72, of Rt. 1, Powhatan, was killed yesterday when his car was involved in a collision with a truck on state Rt. 604 in Powhatan county. Police said the truck was driven by Richard Langhorne of Cumberland.

Anderson to Be Seated

Council Faces Three Controversial Items

Three probably controversial items will come before City Council Monday night when A. Scott Anderson, former Mayor, comes back as a replacement for George W. Seifert, resigned. These are:

• An ordinance that would delete from the capital budget $2,850,000 for a new City Hall.

• An ordinance to offer a 25-acre site on Dove st. and the Richmond-Henrico Turnpike to the state for construction of a million-dollar National Guard Armory.

• A resolution authorizing the City Manager to inform the state that the city will participate in a state-federally-city-and-additional traffic survey and a regional traffic survey plan.

HEBERLE SPONSOR

Councilman Robert J. Heberle is sponsor of the City Hall ordinance and has said he does not mean to kill it forever, but merely to delay the construction.

Six votes would be required to pass the paper because it is an amendment to the capital budget of 1962-63 by which the money was authorized by the 1960-62 Council.

The Dove st. deal was recommended by a Council committee in an effort to get the city out of the armory business.

The City Planning Commission recommended against the use of the Dove st. property which is encroached in the master plan for a future elementary school and to add park land in an effort to cover a park land deficiency in the North Side.

4 VOTES SEEN

The adverse planning recommendation would make six Council votes for enactment of the paper.

The traffic survey that would be authorized would cost about $50,000, but the major portion of this would be provided by the state and federal government. A regional highway plan will be necessary in determining the future if the city is to participate in federal urban aid funds.

Present traffic data for the city, gathered in a 1945 study, has become obsolete.

It is possible that a public hearing will be held Thursday on an ordinance that would direct demolition of buildings on the controversial Second st. parking site. It apparently was delayed to that date through an error, and may be assigned further consideration along with the advertisement for competitive bids for the utilization of the property.

$500,000 SITE

A previous Council acquired the half-block site at a cost of about $500,000 to provide off-street parking. The new Council, elected in 1962, apparently has other ideas.

Among the other items is one to accept a gift from the Thalhimer Foundation to provide habitats for the exhibition of deer, elk and lions in the Thalhimer-Virginia Wildlife Exhibit in Maymont Park.

Flu Gone? Nearly, But Take Care

Some Richmonders are sighing with relief; the flu epidemic But don't get close to those But dont get close to those sighs, coughs or sneezes yet.

The hospitals are still full; flu-type illness and other diseases aggravated by flu helped fill them.

Medical College of Virginia is crowded.

"But the fantastically high rate of flu type illnesses seems to have gone down in the past two or three days," W. Allen Smith Jr., administrative assistant there, said today.

There are fewer absences among the staff recently. But, said Smith, March is usually a bad time.

MAXIMUM CAPACITY

Richmond Memorial Hospital is working at maximum capacity, said Harold Prather, hospital administrator.

"Our waiting list is 15 to 20 per cent higher than normal," he said. "All our rooms are occupied and sometimes we have to put an extra bed in a room."

These procedures were about normal for this time of year, he said.

"But this week is noticeably better than last, as far as staff absenteeism goes," said Prather. "Of 730 full-time employes we've had around 25 absent daily during the past two weeks. But it's better now."

RECENT TREND

Retreat For The Sick Hospital administrator Mrs. Lillian Lindsay said she was "delighted to report the situation improved. The trend began a few days ago," she said.

During the past few weeks, there, many extra beds had to be added.

"But only two extra beds are up at present," she said.

Douglas N. Pace, administrator at Grace Hospital, said yesterday was the first day a bed was available during the past two weeks.

"But it's too early to tell," he said, "Monday we'll probably be full again. Many persons and doctors prefer to schedule things at the first of the week, leaving weekends free."

Dr. John Bell Williams at St. Luke's reported "no change." It is normal to be full at this season, he said.

MORE NURSES NOW

A Bellwering Arms Hospital spokesman said there was not quite the shortage of nurses there was two weeks ago.

"Things look a little better, if anything," she said.

Other hospitals reported fewer staff members dropped out because of flu and colds and the return of employes who were sick during January.

Referrals to the recent high absentee rate caused by flu and colds in Richmond public schools, Roy N. Puckett, administrative assistant, said "I think we've got it licked."

Thirty-nine of the 60 public schools were checked yesterday.

Only Armstrong High School reported an increase of students absent. In a check February 12, 290 of the 2,900 students there were absent. Yesterday there were 279.

The other 38 schools had few-absentees.

Local department stores and businesses reported a marked decrease in employes absent yesterday.

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2 INVOLVED IN FRACAS

Man, 28, Is Wounded In Predawn Shooting

A near West End man was wounded in a predawn shooting incident at a South Richmond apartment house today.

Police said the incident involved three men.

Willard D. Wilson, 28, of the 1900 block of Floyd ave., was shot in the right shoulder. He was admitted to Medical College of Virginia Hospital. The hospital had not released a condition report on him today.

A companion of Wilson's, Johnnie Glass, 21, of the 900 block of Park ave., was arrested and charged with felonious shooting into the house at 1426 Porter st. Wilson was under police guard at the hospital.

Leo Massengill, 37, of the Porter st. address and several witnesses to the 3 a.m. incident gave this account, according to police reports:

Wilson and Glass went to the apartment house at 1426 Porter st. looking for some girls. The girls weren't in and the two men began breaking down the door to the girl's apartment.

Massengill went out of his apartment and told the two men to leave the house. They were outside and Massengill went to lock the front door. Glass and Wilson, standing outside, fired twice through the door with a .22-caliber pistol, according to police. The shots missed Massengill.

Another tenant, Lilly Mae Jones, gave Massengill a .25-pistol and Massengill fired once, striking Wilson in the shoulder, police said.

Wilson and Glass jumped into a truck and fired two more shots at Massengill, uninjured, was not arrested.

Police apprehended the two men after they went to MCV for medical aid for Wilson.

2 Blood Sample Rulings Made

Attorney General Button has issued two rulings concerning labeling and sealing of blood samples taken as evidence from drivers suspected of being intoxicated.

On one question, Button said the failure of the arresting officer . . . to insert" the name of the court in which the case will be tried on the blood sample container "does not relieve the accused of the duty of forwarding the container . . . for analysis."

In the other question, Button said, failure to call the accused's attention to resealing of the blood container does not constitute a failure "sufficiently substantial to compel a dismissal of a prosecution . . ."

SEIZED IN RAIDS HERE

18 Pinball Machines Tilt Toward Demise

Eighteen coin-operated pinball machines, seized by Treasury agents here in December, will go on the chopping block about March 25 unless someone steps up and proves they weren't used for gambling.

The machines were confiscated December 19 because they lacked $250 federal excise stamps. The machines, not the owners, are considered in violation of the tax law.

The Internal Revenue Service has been keeping the machines in a General Services Administration garage at Seventh and Leigh sts.

185 SEIZED IN STATE

Throughout Virginia, 105 machines were picked up in 80 communities during the sudden raid by IRS agents. The raid was part of a nationwide crackdown in which 648 machines were seized.

The IRS considers the machines to be gambling devices because those who play them can insert extra money to change the odds in given games. The government need not prove that "payoffs" are made to conclude the machines are for gambling.

To prevent destruction of the machines, persons who contend they were not gambling devices and thus needed no gambling excise stamps, must first post a $250 bond with the IRS. Owners of the seized machines cannot reclaim them by paying the tax, however.

DEADLINE MARCH 25

A. J. Barden Jr., chief intelligence officer for the IRS here, said today the machines would be destroyed soon after the March 25 deadline if no claims develop.

Meanwhile, a partial listing of the establishments where machines were seized was given today by the IRS:

M&S Market, 1329 West Main st.; Beanie's Pool Room, 2402 Jefferson ave.; Hall's Phillips 66 Service, 5201 Midlothian pike; Whitlow's Service Station, 113 Cowardin ave.; Lowry's Texaco Service, 5400 Lakeside ave.; Ducky's Sinclair Service, 3420 Nine Mile rd.; Russell's Auto Service, 2720 East Marshall st.; Sixth Street Lunch, 523 North Sixth st.; Dizzy Shoe Shine, 6031 East Clay st., and O'Brien's Store & Grocery, 7403 West Broad st.

Generally, pinball machines are owned by coin vending-machine concerns and placed in various establishments to be operated on a percentage basis. They cost anywhere from $400 for second-hand units to $2,000 for some newer models.

If Byrd Runs: Young GOPs Get a Query

CHARLOTTESVILLE, Feb. 23 —(AP)— Delegates to the Young Republican Federation of Virginia convention here today were asked to decide what they are going to do if U. S. Sen. Harry F. Byrd runs again in 1964.

A number of Republican leaders took upon the Democratic senator as an ally as valuable they don't believe Virginia Republicans should seriously consider fielding a candidate against him. But the Young GOP Federation resolutions committee took a different view.

Delegates were asked to vote on a resolution which concludes with this paragraph:

"Be it further resolved, that this federation particularly urges that the Republican party field a qualified candidate for the U. S. Senate in 1964 and exert its best efforts to secure his election, regardless of the identity of the Democratic nominee, and (the federation) takes exception to any contrary statement by any person within or without the party and from within or without the state."

The resolution, proposed by Samuel A. Garrison, president of the University of Virginia Young Republican Club and chairman of the state resolutions committee, urges that "strong and qualified" Republican candidates be fielded for every elective office in the state.

It takes issue with "all of those who feel that our party can completely fulfill its proper obligations to the people of Virginia by failing to nominate a qualified candidate for every local and state office."

Richard Obenshain of Richmond and Frank McCann of Lynchburg were to battle it out this afternoon for the state chairmanship. Obenshain has been chairman for the past year.

WVU Debater Ill, Flown to Morgantown

A West Virginia University debater, here for the first annual University of Richmond debate tournament, was flown to Morgantown yesterday with what appeared to be a serious case of pneumonia.

The student, Richard Young of York, Pa., completed the first round of debate yesterday morning at River Road Baptist Church before he was taken with chills and fever.

Dr. Bert E. Bradley Jr., chairman of the University of Richmond debate team, reported several other mild cases of flu among the debaters of the 22 colleges and universities participating in the tournament.

The debate ends today with semi-final and final rounds in the University of Richmond School of Business Administration.

The debate topic used in all intercollegiate meets this year is "Resolved That the Non-Communist Nations of the World Should Establish an Economic Community."

HIGH SCHOOL FORUM AT TEEJAY

Foreign Students Sound Off Here

By FRANK CAPERTON

American servicemen and civil servants in Europe don't really get to know the countries in which they are stationed, two foreign exchange students said here today at the 14th annual Miller & Rhoads Virginia High School Forum.

Some 500 area high school students and 31 foreign students from Virginia high schools under the American Field Service Exchange program attended the forum at Virginia Jefferson High School.

Ten of the foreign students took part in panel discussions on the subjects: "Social Customs and Habits Differ" and "We Need Better Understanding."

ANSWER QUESTIONS

They answered questions put to them by American students on the panel.

Waltraud E. "Traudle" Arnold, 18,"of West Germany, and Alexis Apostolides, 17, Greece thought understanding would be improved if Americans and foreigners mingled more with the people of their countries.

Miss Arnold, who is attending James Madison High School in Fairfax county, said, "Servicemen and civil servants in Germany, unfortunately, have their own communities, their own churches and their own schools.

MAKES SUGGESTION

"They don't learn the German language and don't get to know the people."

Apostolides, who attends Mc-Lean High School in Fairfax county, was also critical of Americans who bring their communities abroad with them.

"They don't go into Greek stores," he said. "They have their PX's."

He suggested that the American government do away with the PX's on foreign bases. Miss Arnold said the first step Americans of learning about should take toward ending

"learn their understanding 'a learn the foreign language.

The foreign students presented a program of entertainment. There was an Italian song and native dances of Malaysia, Pakistan and Thailand.

PRESS CONFERENCE

A news press conference for the students was directed by William G. Lavery, assistant managing editor of the Times-Dispatch.

H. I. Willett, Richmond school superintendent, said in a speech ending the forum the religion and education are the twin keys to survival.

He emphasized the urgency of attaining understanding among the democracies of science for peaceful purposes. "Under the threat of nuclear war," he said, "we will learn to live together or die.

"Religion is a unifying force in the fight against the atheistic conspiracy of the Russian lead-

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KANIZ ZAHRA OF PAKISTAN SHOWS OFF HER NATIVE COSTUME
Ku Arpah Binti Ku Bahadur of Malaya and Inger Vestby of Norway Watch

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